

## **ABSTRACT**

A stand providing a communication path between peripheral devices and portable devices and providing ergonomic viewing positions to portable devices such as a portable computer. In one embodiment, a stand includes an anchor movably coupled to a base to form a recess to receive a portable device, a support coupled to the base, and an electrical connector incorporated in the stand. The anchor may be formed to engage the desktop portion of the portable device, and the support may be moved to extend upwardly from the base to hold the display portion of the portable device. The electrical connector may provide a communication path between at least one peripheral device and the portable device, and the stand may also include a transmitter and receiver for providing a wireless communication path between at least one wireless peripheral device and the portable device.